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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Representative John E. Moss (D., Calif.)

1. Yesterday evening Representative and Mrs. Moss were guests at a small dinner at my home during which Moss and I discussed several matters of Agency interest.

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3. I explained to Moss our problems with Representative Celler's Committee in connection with the Justice Douglas impeachment charges. Moss said his advice would be to tell Celler only what we considered relevant, and that Moss would consider us justified in refusing to disclose operational information to Celler's investigators.

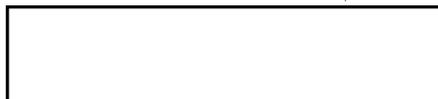
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5. On the basis of his travels in Southeast Asia, Moss feels that the Agency is doing a good job there, and enjoys a much better image among both the locals and the Americans in that area than the U.S. press would indicate.

6. Moss confided that he is seriously considering making a bid for the majority leadership.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John Maury

SUBJECT: Celler's Subcommittee Investigation of
Justice Douglas on Impeachment Charges

I discussed with Congressman George Mahon and Ralph Preston this morning the problem we are having with the Celler Subcommittee request for information in Agency files on the

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asked Congressman Mahon to read Congressman Celler's letter to me and my reply. I explained the conversation I had had with Messrs. Harkins and Fogt, and the two meetings which you and John Warner had had with Congressman Gerald Ford. I then explained to Mr. Mahon why I felt it would set a bad precedent if the Agency were to reveal publicly a fiduciary relationship such as the Agency had had with [redacted] Mr. Mahon agreed with our position, said that we should stand on the letter already sent to Mr. Celler, and asked me if I had any objection to his discussing this whole matter with Congressman Ford. I replied that I thought it would be a big help of us if he were to do just this. Both Mr. Mahon and Ralph Preston were convinced that any paper we would give to the Subcommittee would eventually, through some means or other, become public. Mr. Mahon did not feel that there was much the Subcommittee could do if we refused to provide information other than the original reply to Chairman Celler. It was Mr. Mahon's view that if the matter were taken to the floor of the House, the Agency had enough friends to handle it.

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Richard Helms
Director

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